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1. My name is Tom Gaddis, I live in Jacksonville , Florida. I fish inshore/near shore/and off shore of northeast florida as a recreational angler.
2. Regarding action 26. Management measure for wahoo. I do not support motion #65 the recreational catch limit of two per vessel per day. Currently there are catch and size limits for wahoo and if no current evidence exists documenting overfishing then further limits are unnecessary and would only serve to add extra economic penalty for the cost of the limit changes and the economic impact.
3. The Magnuson Stevenson Act specifies that (104-297, #8) conservation and management measures shall take into account the importance of fishery resources to fishing communities and minimize adverse economic impacts on such communities. And further (101-627) that the regional fishery management councils will take into account the social and economic needs of the States.
4. Regarding action 27. Sargassum is a vital component of the fishery ecosystem and as such should not be "managed" with harvest but be protected as fishery ecosystem with no allowed harvest.

Thank you,

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